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Honorable Powell A. Moore Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations Department of State 2201 C Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Moore:

I am in receipt of your February 4th response to my inquiry concerning the article entitled "Armenian Terrorism: A Profile" which appeared in the August 1982 issue of the Department

I acknowledge your reaffirmation that neither the article nor the accompanying footnote represent the official position of the Department of State. However, this reaffirmation falls far short of a positive restatement of the historical position of the United States – that we recognize and deplore the Armenian genocide. We cannot remake history, and the Armenian genocide is a matter of irrefutable historical fact. However, your efforts to clear away the lingering ambiguity created by the Department of State Bulletin would help to reassure the Armenian-American community that the U.S. has not and will not forget this tragedy.

I would be pleased to hear further from you in this regard.

Best regards.

Sincerely.

John Glenn

United States Senator

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The above letter was sent by Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, a 1984 Presidential candidate running on the Democratic ticket, to Powell A. Moore, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

# WILL THERE BE AN END?

G.H. Chopourian

Atrocities against the Armenians by the Ottoman Government occurred many times between 1880 and 1915, but the 1915 massacres were on a scale to be called a genocide. Because the current Turkish authorities who overthrew the Ottoman Government refuse to accept that a genocide occurred, writings on the subject are on the increase. Armenians demonstrate from many sources, such as the records of The New York Times, other daily press recordings worldwide, disinterested international figures, the writings of world-renowned historians on the subject many of whom were witnesses of the inhuman event, ambassadors, missionaries and so forth. After 68 years, the subject receives stronger attention as evidenced by the proliferation of writings. Pictures, news publications, live recordings of survivors' stories, establishment of Institutes, dialogues on pulpits of American churches and much more continue to deal with the atrocities of the 1915-1918 years.

Personal memoirs are beginning to flow like a river:

Abraham H. Hartunian's NEITHER TO LAUGH NOR TO WEEP argues for the premeditated, ruthless, official campaign by the Turkish government and army to exterminate Turkey's Armenian minority;

Kerop Bedoukian in his SOME OF US SURVIVED describes how his father was taken away from the family and along with 30,000 inhabitants of the town of Sivas driven into the desert where few survived;

In REBIRTH Elise Hagopian Taft relates the story of her survival from the Genocide and her finding "rebirth" in America which is also the story of Serpouhi Tavoukdjian in her EXILED.

By G. H. Chopourian

ARSHA'S WORLD AND YOURS by Arsha Louise Armaghanian, MUSA DAGH AND MY PERSONAL MEMOIRS by Harry P. Boyadiian, THE CIVILIZED by Arthur S. Yeranian, I LOVE AMERI-CA by Bedros M. Sharian, DAUGHTER OF THE EUPHRATES by Elizabeth Caraman Payne and RETURN TO MOUNT ARARAT by H.H. Haig relate the painful and moving experiences of the authors, their own personal acceptance of the events as part of life but each and everyone crying for justice and fairness for the sake of humanity at large - that the inhumanity of man to man should be banned.

And now, enter another approach. Armenians in non-Armenian churches are being asked to share the pulpit with pastors to commemorate the Armenocide. The Senior Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Port Huron, Michigan, the Reverend LeRoy M. Kutz, Jr. is one example of one who shared the pulpit with Chuck Uligian on Sunday, April 25, 1982 in commemoration of the atrocities. Chuck replied to questions raised and exposed the religious, economic and political factors of the tragedy of 1915.

This editor continues to believe that the continued conflicts on this issue are hurting both sides - the Armenians and the Turks. Armenians may endanger their souls if hatred reigns supreme; Turks may lose their reputation in the brotherhood of nations. There is a Christian solution if both sides would listen: The Turks to seek forgiveness on behalf of the past perpetrators of the crimes; the Armenians to forgive. But, penitence and seeking forgiveness, in our opinion, come first. Forgiving without forgiveness sought would be a futile exercise. The forgiver can save his soul; but the forgiven would continue to be in

This writer wonders how the Armenian public would respond to the following suggestion: without delay constitute a large national committee with representatives from all sections of Armenians in existence in the Diaspora - political, academic, literary, social, institutional, financial - with the sole aim of planning for a dialogue or conversation with the Turkish government towards a resolution of the problem which hurts all concerned.

# MOTHERS IN THESE **CHANGING TIMES**

With banners flying high and fluttering in the pursuit of the goals of the Equal Rights Amendment, with 45 percent of women enrolled in the American work force, with changing mores which are eroding the moral fiber of the Nation one wonders if there is something that can salvage the situation. No one should lightly dismiss the constructive elements in these developments, but neither should anyone fail to see the destructive aspects of the new trends.

We are informed that more than three out of five marriages end up in divorce; a high percentage of youth are experimenting with drugs, many of whom end up beyond repair; crimes committed by youth score higher percentages than those by adults; the comparative physical health of American youth are found to be inferior to the health of youth in some third world countries; compulsive gambling has disrupted the life of 15 million families; and alcoholism plays havoc with the life of 20 million families.

The resultant evaluation?

Something has gone wrong; things have got loose, unglued!

Is there a way of fixing things?

One is tempted to believe there is a "societal glue," motherhood and family, which is a better solution to these problems than all the proposals put together by sociologists, criminologiests, politi-

# We may be living in Revolutionary changing times, but motherhood need not change.

cians and law officers. The role of mothers as guides, their self-giving love, genuine concern, wholesome influence and expectations are the cement that can tie things together. The role of mothers in the home fortify the family and the exemplary interactions at home will supply the Nation with healthy, balanced, well-motivated youth.

We may be living in revolutionary changing times, but motherhood need not change. Mothers are important. Mothers, you can reform our society in our generation!

Please, mothers, believe in yourselves and in your roles as the greatest "influencers." Do take up the challenge!

# FIELD DIRECTOR COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL **CALIFORNIA BUSINESS TOUR**

Our Field Director, Mr. M.B. Janbazian and preached from the pulpits of the Pilspent January 15 through February 6, a total of 21 days, in California visiting with the Armenian Evangelical Churches, Missions Committees, AMAA chapters and friends and members of the Association in the area. The purpose of Mr. Janbazian's visit was to brief our supporting congregations and constituency about the blessings and challenges of our ongoing missionary work, answer questions and promote the overall ministry of the Association.

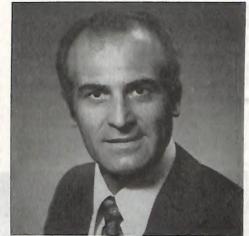
Mr. Janbazian's first stop was at Los Angeles where he preached Missions Emphasis sermons from the pulpits of the Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church of Downey, the Cilicia Armenian Congregational Church of Pasadena and the Armenian Evangelical Church of Hollywood, a newly-organized mission church supported by the AMAA. While in Los Angeles, Mr. Janbazian, along with our West Coast Regional Director, Dr. Pepronia Merjanian, also spent a day in San Diego and met with AMAA members as well as a group of faithful supporters to whom he spoke about the mission work carried on at home and abroad.

From Los Angeles, Mr. Janbazian and Dr. Merjanian proceeded to Fresno

grim Armenian Congregational Church and the First Armenian Presbyterian Church. The churches had organized a joint after-service missionary luncheon to give the AMAA representatives the opportunity to speak about the current missionary endeavors of the Association.

After spending five days in Fresno, our Field and Regional Directors visited San Jose where, in addition to calling on individual supporters, they met with a group of over 60 enthusiastic supporters of the AMAA at a special luncheon organized by the Peninsula Chapter of the AMAA, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Iskigian. In the Bay Area, Mr. Janbazian and Dr. Merjanian visited also with the Bethel Armenian Evangelical Church and the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco. The latter had made a special reception arrangement to give them the opportunity to meet with the church membership.

In California, Mr. Janbazian also visited a large number of current and prospective supporters to express AMAA's appreciation of their continued assistance and to challenge them to missions service through the Association. Mr. Janbazian reported that the AMAA



Moses B. Janbazian

continues to enjoy the admiration, love and trust of the Armenian community in general, and Evangelical people in particular, who faithfully support AMAA's missionary endeavors in 13 countries. "The California trip was a gratifying experience," Mr. Janbazian said, "The churches as well as individuals showed their love and commitment to the AMAA by making generous donations towards the evangelistic, social service and educational work of the Association."

In his capacity as Field Director, Mr. Janbazian, upon his return from California, started visiting our supporting

# — The Inspirational Corner -

# SIX KEYS TO A STRONGER FAMILY

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Elizabeth Caraman Payne, author of Dauther of the Euphrates, is a prolific writer and her articles appear in newspapers and magazines. A summary of a long article which appeared in the September, 1982 issue of Christian Life is provided on the occasion of Mother's Day and Family Week observed in May).

First, A special time was set aside each morning and evening for family worship, without exception. Her father's prayer beginning with, "Almighty God," gave the author the feeling of God's majesty and great power, and of the smallness of man; while her mother's in season and out of season prayers throughout the day demonstrated her intimate fellowship with God.

Second, the children were made aware of God through the parents' attitude toward the Bible who believed, with gratitude, that the Bible was God's Word, therefore, ultimate authority for conduct; the children's stories were all from the Bible.

Third, the parents' devotion to God was shown through their stewardship. They took the best portion of the harvest to the church as unto God.

Fourth, the parents considered it a privilege to worship God in His house and their fellowship with other believers was a source of strength.

Fifth, the parents took a deep interest in others. Inside a year her mother's dowry of numerous strings of gold coins about her neck had all been used to buy young Christian men off from compulsory military service in the Turkish ar-

The sixth and last observation Mrs. Payne makes was the need of discipline in her own life during the time she was growing up. When she was caught cheating from service. and lied about it, she was not spared the rod.

Mrs. Payne sums up the influence her parents had on her in these words: "So you can see that my parents taught me self-restraint, self-discipline, self-giving. I am indebted to them for banning my self-expression at the expense of others, for I know that fulfillment comes from God through self-denial. Such blessings never would have been mine if it had not been for parents who 'knew Whom they believed and served."

churches on the East Coast and Canada. "I regard my field work as a missions education ministry," he says. "The purpose of my visitations is two-fold: to promote the work of the Association and to instill in the hearts of church members and the Armenian public the teachings of Christ on missions – namely, to go into the world and preach the Gospel as well as relate to the spiritual and physical needs of mankind."

Reception following special AMAA meeting with the Armenian Evangelical Fellowship of San Diego.





The friends of the AMAA peninsula group with our West Coast Regional Director, Dr. Pepronia Merjanian; Mr. Henry Gertmenian and Mrs. Gladys Shegoian, faithful treasurers of the AMAA Chapters of Oakland and Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco; the dynamic Missions Committee of the Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church of Downey.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Iskigian who hosted a missionary luncheon for over 60 people brought together by the Peninsula friends of the AMAA; Mr. and Mrs. John Khorenian of San Diego, faithful friends of the AMAA; Mr. and Mrs. John Halajian of San Francisco, generous contributors towards the missionary work of the Association.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jemalian of Redwood City with their son, Paul, Jr.; Mr. Leon Atimion, an enthusiastic supporter of the AMAA; Mr. Fred Philibosian, of Selma, father of Los Angeles District Attorney, Robert Philibosian; Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Keshishian, of Parlier, Dr. Pepronia Merjanian and Dr. Theodore Tahmesian, of Fresno.

# WIDOW COMPLETES HER PLEDGE



Aznive Apkarian

In 1978, the AMAA celebrated its 60th Anniversary. Established in 1918, the 1978 leadership considered it to be appropriate to express thanks and gratitude to the pioneers who had founded the Association, and to those self-giving leaders whose volunteer time and generous financial support had brought the Association to a universally recognized stature. On the occasion of the celebration, the Board of Directors also planned a fund-raising campaign to put the Association on a stronger footing. There were many individual and institutional pledges made, the total of which rose to about 4 million dollars. But, among all the donors, the spirit of Aznive Apkarian stands out uniquely in the eyes of the Executive Director. He remembers meeting Mrs. Apkarian at the United Armenian Congregational Church at which time she was Secretary to the Pastor.

In her unforgettable way, she had the Armenian coffee ready in a jiffey and as we were sipping the delicious coffee that only Aznive excels in making, she said: "Dghas, you know I am not wealthy but I wish to participate in this campaign and will provide \$60.00 on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary celebrations."

The Executive Director later felt that he must have been cruel to ask Aznive what he did. He said: "Mom, I know your financial status but it is the faith of those who are daring that makes campaigns for God's work succeed. Can you be brave enough to pledge ten times more – \$600.00 – and pay the amount in five years."? She looked at him for a while, hesitatingly, and said: "I believe God will help me. Your sugges-

tion is a good one and I will pledge \$600.00."

On January 31, 1983, the Executive Director received her letter dated January 18, 1983 with a check in the amount of \$100.00 with the following touching words: "My heart is full of joy to be able to make my commitment. No one knows how long one will live and I do not either, but while alive, I wanted to complete my pledge and I happily enclose \$100.00, the last remnant. How grateful I am for such opportunities to be able to serve our Lord with even our little means but He that multiplies makes the 'widow's mite' a blessing. This is my prayer lovingly and happily given through the AMAA to Him who is the rewarder of us all."

Mrs. Apkarian and her family established The Reverend Hovhannes G. Apkarian Endowment Fund when the Reverend Apkarian made the transition to the spiritual world. With the addition of the 60th Anniversary pledge payment of \$600.00, the fund has a total of \$7,845.00 and the annual income from the fund is used for the tuition sponsorship of children overseas.

Mrs. Apkarian labored side by side with her husband as a uniquely qualified person and together they came to be known and loved in many parts of the Diaspora. She has an outgoing personality and elicits joy and happiness arising out of the love she has for people in consequence of her commitment to Christ. She is a beautiful person with a beautiful spirit.

An amazing mystery is attached to giving. When a Christian undertakes responsibility for an amount that appears to be beyond one's capacity, he or she finds it possible to fulfill the goal without lacking anything. That's the mystery of Mrs. Apkarian's pledge: She completed the undertaking, did not lack for doing it, and her generosity became an inspiration for and a great influence upon many of us.

Mrs. Apkarian, we give thanks to God for your constant prayers on behalf of the executives of the AMAA and for the upbuilding of the spiritual life of our people.

# NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS ESTABLISHED

MRS. ALTOON (HOVANESIAN) SARKISIAN of Worcester, Massachsetts established an Endowment Fund of \$5,000 in her name.

Mrs. Sarkisian, a faithful supporter of the AMAA, had served the Birds Nest Orphanage in Jibeil, Lebanon as a nurse before coming to the United States. Her love and dedication for underprivileged youth continues to be expressed through the establishment of this fund, the annual income of which will provide for the education of underprivileged children.

MR. CHARLES CHALABIAN of Detroit, Michigan established an Endowment Fund in his name in the amount of \$10,000 with the annual income designated for scholarship grants to needy and worthy students. Mr. Chalabian who is a memoer of the Armenian Congregational Church of Detroit, has been a long time generous contributor to the general work of the AMAA. During his lifetime income from the fund will be distributed to him.

The Board of Directors express their heartfelt gratitude for the Funds established and the trust placed in the Association which will carry on the wishes of the endowers faithfully and with stewardly concern.

# RETIRED ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL MINISTERS HONORED

All retired Armenian Evangelical ministers residing in North America will be honored at a special recognition banquet which is planned by a joint AEUNA and AMAA Committee in cooperation with the Armenian Evangelical Churches of Los Angeles, California.

The event, which is slated for May 14, 1983 in the Paul Avazian Hall of the United Armenian Congregational Church, North Hollywood, California, has the purpose of recognizing the faithful and dedicated ministry of our retired servants of God to the Armenian Evangelical churches in this country and abroad.

Donations for the banquet are \$25.00 per person and tickets can be ordered by contacting any of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Los Angles area or:

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# FROM GREECE WITH LOVE

Editor's Note: The following letter addressed to the Board of Directors of the AMAA and signed by the Reverend Krikor Demirjian, expresses the feelings and gratitude of our brethren in Greece who have been supported in their Christian endeavors by the AMAA over the past years. The Reverend Demirjian, in spite of his advanced age and loss of sight, continues to provide capable and inspiring leadership to the church and school activities in Kokkinia and Athens.

They have learned how to pray and recite Bible passages and psalms. The children like very much to act Bible stories and sing hymns. It is indeed a Christian environment where the children grow in soul and mind. We are doing our utmost to build a Christian character. Unfortunately, we are now living in a world where children are spoiled by distracting objects. So, we all need to lead our youngsters to Jesus who loves them so much. The children also enjoy molding with clay, building

also had the unique privilege of having with us for a short time Dr. G.H. Chopourian, the Executive Director of the AMAA. He preached in our church in Kokkinia. He also kindly represented the AMAA during the celebration of our 50th Anniversary, during which he delivered an inspiring message and presented a golden medal on behalf of our churches in Greece. He also kindly delivered a princely donation from the AMAA.

We deeply regret to inform you about



Kindergarten children presenting "The Spring"

"Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure and unique privilege to submit to you the following report regarding our Christian activities during the year 1982 in this part of the world. Your brotherly love and generous donations have inspired us and encouraged us to continue our Christian work in spite of a good many difficulties which we are facing. We count a great deal on your earnest prayers, generous good will and financial contributions. May the good Lord richly bless you and all those who are taking a keen interest in this great work for the promotion of God's kingdom.

We are happy to let you know that we have spent your contributions for our children attending our kindergarten. It is indeed a blessed work to take care of children in our kindergarten. The parents are very happy to put their kids under the care of our teacher who is educating them with love, passion and efficiency. We have at present twenty children attending our kindergarten. and preached to our congregation. We



Kokkinia kindergarten choir

with blocks, coloring picturebooks. As you can realize, it is a marvelous service which we render to our children. Thanks to your love and contributions.

We are likewise carrying on our Christian work among the grown-ups. As you know, I am advanced in age and have been carrying on my ministry for the last fifty-five years here in Greece in spite of my handicap. The Lord has reached me, blessed me with His grace and Fatherly love. We have two laypreachers who are assisting me in my ministry. They are preaching the gospel in our churches in Athens and Piraeus. It is a wonderful privilege to publish the glad tidings of peace and salvation to men, women and children who need so much the message of the gospel nowa-

During this year, we did not have many visitors from abroad. We must mention the Reverend M. Jinbashian, and best wishes for your health and sucfrom Beirut, and the Reverend R. cess. Levonian, from France, who visited us

the sad and untimely home-call of Mrs. Azad Djedjizian who passed away on August 1, 1982. She was deeply loved and highly respected by everyone. She was the director of the H. Karageozian Foundation. She rendered a magnificent service to our people for about fortyfour years, feeding the hungry, taking care of the sick and sorrowful and meeting the needs of both children and grown-ups. Her absence is a great loss to our Evangelical churches. May God richly bless her immortal memory.

As I am closing this report, I want to thank you once more for your love, friendship and generous assistance. Our children, their parents, the members of our Committee and the whole congregation join me in kind regards to you and all yours. Enclosed please find some activity pictures.

With deep gratitude, earnest prayers

Yours respectfully, Reverend K. Demirjian'

# FROM SYRIA WITH PRAYER

Rarely is the impact, influence and importance of Christian work carried on in the Middle East clearly visible to those of us in the United States. With his periodic reports the Reverend Apartian, Askabed in Syria, enables us to see the lively work done.

First of all, he gives us a good understanding of the fine Christian service rendered by the Christian Conference Center in Kessab. The Center has had constructive impact upon the lives of hundreds of persons, young and old,

are held, some limited to Armenian evangelicals and others broader and ecumenical. These conferences, for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors, are held under wholesome Christian atmosphere with the leaders well prepared to lead children to the Scriptures and to Christ. In addition, Armenian evangelical church women also hold sessions at the Kessab Christian Conference Center. Those conferences are followed by gatherings of Christian Endeavor youth Children of the Daily Vacation Bible School from Damascus, Aleppo, Homs and of Eshrafieh, Aleppo.





Seminary students serving as leaders at the Youth Camps. Left to right - Paul Haidostian, Nerses Balabanian, Avo Boynerian, Mego Melconian and Koko Youmoushakian.



Children of the Daily Vacation Bible School of Nor Keugh, Aleppo

Center. Because the Center came into existence as a result of assistance from many sources, Pastor Apartian has these words of gratitude: "We thank God that He grants us the wisdom to remember in thankfulness all our friends, the noble hearts, who have shared with us their very precious gifts and donations in the realization of the Center."

Normally, during any summer, ten different conferences are scheduled between the months of June and September. To get ready for the activities of these four months much labor is expended to repair, to clean and to set things ready after the devastating effects of the rain and snow of the winter months. Loving labors of many have also built a new road to the Center, a major accomplishment and improvement. Further improvement is needed in leveling the ground and enlarging the courtyard for play and activity.

Usually, several children's conferences

who have attended conferences in the Beirut where the emphasis is to learn commitment to Christ. The teachers are not forgotten, either. Towards the end of the summer teachers meet at the Center for study, planning, research and fun.

> The Reverend Apartian concludes his report on the work of the Center with these touching words, "We are overwhelmed by the special grace and privilege the Lord has given to us and the great Commission and responsibility which he has bestowed upon us. We pray diligently, and ask all our friends to pray for us so that we may remain faithful servants and stewards of the Lord in His vineyard for the promotion of the kingdom and proclamation of His good news of salvation and peace in the Lord Jesus Christ."

The Reverend Apartian has other important responsibilities. He administers the Bethesda Dispensary at the Church of Christ Center in Aleppo, Syria. The

Dispensary provides health services but it has also become a meaningful point of contact to bring people to confrontation with the reality of life, its author and its purpose. In other words, personal evangelism is also put into action along with the care of the health of people whether it is to refer the sick to doctors, provide emergency aid, gynecological care or counseling to the disturbed.

There is now a new effort to found a Christian Hospital in Aleppo. The idea is taking deeper root and more concercerned people are making more favorable comments for its accomplishment. Unfortunately, however, the creation of a Christian Community Hospital appears to be still a wish, subject to more research and inquiry as well as prayer.

Our many ministers in Syria contribute immensely to the churches, the Conference Center and health care work. We thank the Lord for the devotion and commitment they have to the challenges put before them.

# **AMAA PROVIDES** \$64,000 FOR RELIEF IN LEBANON

The Armenian Missionary Association of America, provided \$64,000 recently for relief needs in Beirut. This amount reached the offices of the AMAA from generous U.S. contributors in response to an appeal for funds.

The beneficiaries of the \$64,000, distributed chiefly by the leaders of the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East against concrete proof of need, included those who had suffered bodily or material damages as a result of the invasion of Lebanon by the Israeli forces. Humanitarian needs, reparations, clean-up of defaced areas in buildings, surgical and hospital emergencies, provision to families deprived of income because of loss of employment qualified as proof of need.

Among institutions receiving aid were Haigazian College which used fifty percent of the contribution for humanitarian needs such as hospitalization, surgery, poverty to all nationals in the college area, and the second half for repairs of major damages caused by a remote-control explosion of ammunition loaded car in front of the college.

Other recipients were the Near East School of Theology for refurbishing the building and its facilities after the Red Crescent had vacated the building used during the period of fighting, the First Armenian Evangelical Church for the purpose of clean-up and repair after a long period of occupation of the grounds by fleeing refugees at the time when water, electricity and food were lacking and the Social Action Committee of the UAEC-NE for distribution to impoverished families and medicinal needs.

In the past seven years the AMAA provided about \$2,500,000 for all work in Lebanon and Syria, over \$600,000 of which was for relief in Lebanon alone. With the current relief aid, the Association will actually have provided about \$700,000.

We salute the U.S. sponsors for their charitable response.

# ARMENIAN CHURCH LEADER **PASSES AWAY**



His Holiness Khoren I, Catholicos of the Great House of Cilicia.

His Holiness, Khoren I, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia and spiritual leader of Armenians in Lebanon, Syria, Cyprus, Greece, Iran and the Persian Gulf States, entered his eternal rest in Beirut, Lebanon on February 9, 1983. He had suffered numerous heart attacks in earlier years. Special funeral services were held on Monday, February 14th at St. Nishan Armenian Apostolic Cathedral in Beirut, Lebanon, and the last unction took place on Tuesday, February 15th at the St. Gregory the Illuminator Cathedral at Antelias, Lebanon.

Born on November 25, 1914 in Nicosia, Cyprus, he was ordained as Bishop in 1947, served as Grand Sacristan of the Cathedral in 1947, was elected Prelate of Lebanon in 1951, became Locum-Tenens Bishop in 1955 and in 1963 he was unanimously elected Catholicos upon the sudden death of His Holiness Zareh I.

The Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of America expressed its sympathies by a telex which read: "THE BOARD OF DIREC-TORS OF THE AMAA HAVING LEARNED TODAY OF THE PASSING AWAY OF HIS HOLINESS CATHOLI-COS KHOREN I ON TUESDAY, FEB-RUARY 9, 1983 WISH TO EXTEND THEIR SINCERE CONDOLENCES. MAY GOD BE MERCIFUL UPON ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LABORED IN GOD'S VINEYARDS WITH HIM AND BE STRENGTHENED TO UNDER-TAKE HIS UNFINISHED LABORS."

# LETTERS TO THE **EDITORS**

"The Dead Testify"

By Helen Takessian

"I have mixed feelings about your statements in 'The Dead Testify to the Truth of Armenocide.' It frightens me to be informed that Turkey has hired a public relations firm in Washington and has books written and distributed which claim to disprove Armenocide.

I do not find comfort in your belief that written testimony and eulogies recounting experiences of our peoples' sufferings are sufficient to counter Turkey's propaganda. In fact, I'm not even sure that the books we depend upon as proof for our cause will prevail in the future. Turkey has the resources to publish endless streams of lies and make them available cheaply to the indifferent American looking for quick and easy solutions to the Armenian Question.

I would feel better if Armenians recognized they are in a deadly war of propaganda. I feel it is better to be alert and active rather than being lulled into complacency with rosy pictures of a repentant Turk moved by our sorrow.

The German people did not repent and admit to the Jewish genocide with restitution for what happened. Instead, it was the force of public opinion that brought about that occurrance. Japan did not repent the Atrocities she committed to Chinese and Korean victims, rather, it was the force of public opinion which made Japan amenable to changing textbooks to give a more accurate picture of those facts. Israel did not repent her responsibility in Beirut, rather, it was the force of public pressure which turned the tide.

In 65 years, Armenians have not been able by themselves to capture public pressure for their cause. The elusive messiah who will lead us to our former glories is not a nation but world opinion. It is time to consider hiring a public relations firm ourselves. Lebanon turned the tide after hiring Gray and Company. We will also have to overcome our shyness and learn to march, go on hunger strikes, and boycott. We have tried everything else. In the meantime, it is very necessary to document the stories of survivors of the Armenocide. They may be indispensible in the future. You have been doing a great

# PHILIBOSIANS IN THE NEWS

BENEFACTOR STEPHEN PHILIBOS-IAN TRUSTEES recently met at the Brandywine Museum in Pennsylvania to review the commitments to be made from the income of the Stephen Philibosian Foundation portfolio.



Members at the meeting were (from left): Albert Momjian, Esq. and Mr. Nazar Daghlian, both representing the AMAA, and family representatives Mrs. Louise Danielian, Mrs. Joyce H. Stein, Jr. and Mrs. Danielian's daughter who attended the meeting to be apprised of the extensive work of the Foundation. (Absent from the picture is Mr. Richard Aijian, the third Trustee representing the Stephen Philibosian families).

## CHIEF DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT PHILIBOSIAN,

a conservative protege of Governor George Deukmejian, was selected as the next District Attorney by the Los Angeles County Supervisors. He took over the \$67,162-a-year job on January 3, 1983.



Attorney General Robert Philibosian

Mr. Philibosian, 42, who lives in Tarzana with his wife, Nancy, and their two children, Janet, 11, and Robbie, 9, will ney's office, a position some of his predecessors have used as a stepping stone to higher political office.

MICHAEL KHANDJIAN, grandson of Mr. Charles Philibosian, will take his duties on July 1st as assistant minister at the Old Cutler Presbyterian Church upon graduation from the Reformed Theological Seminary of Jackson, Mis-

Michael, a scholarship recipient from AMAA, grew up in the Old Cutler during his college years.

### **MEZIANS CELEBRATE 62ND** WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Sarkis and Araxy Mezian

Mr. and Mrs. Sarkis and Araxie Mezian of Waltham, Massachusetts celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary recently. Mr. Mezian is 90 years young and Mrs. Mezian is 86.

Mrs. Mezian, one of the oldest members of the First Armenian Church of Belmont, and Mr. Mezian, a member of the Holy Trinity Church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, have been active members in their churches and in community organizations such as the AGBU AMAA, Compatriotic Union of Gurin, The Armenian Nursing Home in Jamaica Plain and so on. Mr. Mezian often accompanies his wife to the First Armenian Church in Belmont where the pastor, the Reverend Vartan Hartunian, recently congratualted the couple on their

Son John is a School Administrator on the Board of Education in Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

# DR. RICHARD HOVANNISIAN HEADS NEAR EASTERN CENTER

Dr. Richard Hovannisian, holder of B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of California at Berkeley and a Ph.D. from U.C.L.A., has been made head of the Near Eastern Center which pointment in the History Department at Mt. St. Mary's College (1965-1969) he has spent his entire teaching career on the faculty of the History Department at U.C.L.A. and served as the Center's Associate Director from 1979 to 1982.

His research interest is the detailed History of the Armenian people in the critical years from 1915 to 1923 when the Armenians were uprooted and dethe Scholarship Committee of the cimated. Also, as part of the U.C.L.A. Armenian Studies program, Hovannis-Church and served as a youth worker ian created an oral history project aimed at preserving the wealth of information possessed by Armenian old-timers - the last leaves on the tree. Hovanissian was also instrumental in founding the Society for Armenian Studies in 1975.

We wish God Speed to Dr. Hovannisian in his service to the academic world.

### GAZARIAN/ESAJIAN FAMILY REUNION



An impressive family reunion was held last June at the Kingsburg Memorial Park when the large clan of the Gazarian and Esajian families spent a most enjoyable day. Close to 100 relatives attended the pleasant afternoon enjoyed by all. Family names on the roster were the: Gazarians, Deovlets, Shegoians, Bedrosians, Ekizians, Mouradians, Avedians, Clearys with all their children and grandchildren.

The AMAA and its friends rejoice heartily over the Gazarian/Esajian family reunion and wish every member much happiness and success.

# HELP DISTRIBUTE ARMENIAN BIBLES

Many Armenians who have recently immigrated to North America have been open to the Word of God but cannot afford the price of purchasing their own Bible. We want to help propagate the Word of God among our compatriots but lack the funds for free Bible distribution. We appeal to our members and friends to respond to this vital spiritual need. A gift of only \$12.00 per Bible will take the Gospel into the home of a needv Armenian immigrant. Designate your gifts of one or more Bibles to AMAA's "Bible Distribution Program," and we will make prompt distributions through our volunteer helpers.

### DR. H. MARTIN DERANIAN RECEIVES THE HAYDEN-HARRIS AWARD

Since October, 1982, Dr. Deranian has been in the limelight. On October 22nd, he was at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania to attend the Bogigian Convocation in memory of Mr. Hagop Bogigian, his great uncle.



Dr. H. Martin Deranian (right) receives the Hayden-Harris Award of the American Academy of the History of Dentistry from Prof. Emeritus, Gardner P. H. Foley (left). The presentation took place on November 5, 1982 in Las Vegas, Nevada preceding the annual session of the American Dental Association.

Our readers will remember in June, 1982, we had featured the Bogigian story and the scholarship fund that Mr. Bogigian had set up for the benefit of Mount Holyoke College. Mr. Bogigian bequeathed a legacy of over \$70,000 to the College to provide scholarships and loans "for such students who may need it in such a manner to encourage their self-respect, and that preference be given to girls of Armenian origin."

On February 2, 1983, a good friend, H. Philip Hovnanian, informed us of a chance meeting with Dr. Deranian in Las Vegas where he had gone to attend a dental association meeting. He found out then that Dr. Deranian had just been awarded a citation of the American Academy of the History of Dentistry and received the Hayden-Harris Award.

Professor Foley, in making the presentation, said, "So I do now recognize Dr. Deranian as one of the 'bravest souls,' who has given not only an abundant measure of professional contributions but also an impressive accumulation of services to his community – as a founder of the Academy, I am proud to acknowledge his variant participation as a granitic propagator of interest in the history of Dentistry."

The Board of Directors extend heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Deranian for this unique achievement.

### DR. JOHN MARKARIAN RECEIVES CEDARS OF LEBANON



Dr. John Markarian and Member of Lebanese Parliament Mr. Khachik Babikian.

Dr John J. Markarian, the retired President of Haigazian College, was extended special recognition at a reception held by the Haigazian College Managers and the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Near East. Representatives of the Lebanese Government, the Catholicosate of Cilicia, high ranking government officials, representatives of educational institutions, local religious and community leaders and selected friends of Haigazian College were in attendance.

An official of the Lebanese Ministry of Education awarded Dr. Markarian the Cedars of Lebanon medal, the highest honor granted by Lebanon, in recognition of his valuable contribution to the cause of education and spoke highly of the great service that Haigazian College is rendering to youth in Lebanon.

# ORIENTAL RUG MAGAZINE FEATURES SHARIANS



Mr. Bedros Sharian, Sr., founder of Sharian, Incorporated, Decatur, Georgia, and his family were honored recently at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center in Atlanta. The occasion celebrated the donation of a large Sarouk Oriental rug to the Center.

Bedros Sharian, Sr., 5th from the left stands in front of his two sons, Paul, Secretary-Treasurer, and Bedros, Jr., President, of the Corporation.

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### ARMENIAN NUNS COMPLETE 13TH YEAR OF THEIR ACADEMY

The concept of an Armenian Day School in Philadelphia was proposed as early as 1959 but it was not until 1963 when Msgr. Stephen Stepanian, pastor of St. Mark's Church in Philadelphia. brought three Sisters, the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, to Philadelphia. The Sisters spent four years studying English at the Cabrini College, washed floors and waited on tables for their keep. Then in 1967 Sister Arousiag formed the First Armenian Day School in Philadelphia which met one day a week. They went from site to site for the next three years, until. with the support of the Armenian community, Hilltop Farm, a gift of benefactor Stephen Philibosian to the AMAA. was purchased in 1970.

The School follows the Montessori method until age 7, then continues ungraded and in open-classroom style through the eighth grade. It is not restricted to Armenian children but all students are required to study Armenian writing and language with religious teaching limited to the study of the Bible.

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### POLL ON CHURCH GIVING RATES ADVENTISTS NO. 1

Among members of 10 major religious groups in America, Seventh-Day Adventists give the most money to their church, and Unitarian Universalists the least.

The fugures were compiled by money magazine for an article on the cash crunch at houses of worship in the United States. They showed Adventist households gave approximately \$2,400 a year on average and Roman Catholics and Unitarian Universalists, \$275 each.

The magazine article says the figures came from various sources, including some Protestant denominations' national headquarters or their biggest national organizations.

Reform Jews ranked fifth highest, with an estimated \$480 a year figure supplied by the Union of American Hebrew congregations. Their dues are usually all-inclusive, the magazine article says. Conservative and Orthodox Jews pay extra fees on special occasions.

The magazine article says many houses of worship are on very shaky financial footing because of inflation and the contribution squeeze.

### MISS KNARIK O. MENESHIAN REPORTS ON CULTURAL EVENTS IN CHICAGO

The Youth Group of the Armenian Congregational Church of Chicago, whose pastor is the Rev. Barkev Darakjian, arranged for a series of public lectures with the first one held in March 1982 as a panel discussion on "The Armenian Community in Chicago - Its Past, Present and Future." In May, Dr. George Aynilian, a pharmacologist, lectured on "Medicines: From Their Discovery to Your Pharmacy." Other lectures followed in June. July and September culminating in a lecture-concert by the Rev. Barkev Apartian who followed some refresher courses at Mc Cormick Theological Seminary before returning to his post in Aleppo, Syria.

# BIOGRAPHY OF DR. CYRUS HAMLIN BEING PREPARED

Miss Shohig Sherry Terzian, Director, Mental Health Information Service, Neuropsychiatric Institute of the University of California at Los Angeles, has announced that a biography of Dr. Cyrus Hamlin is now in the process of preparation by Professor and Mrs. Malcolm Stevens of the University of Hartford, Connecticut with major assistance from Dr. Hamlin's grandson, Mr. Arthur Hamlin.

Dr. Hamlin, founder of the prestigious Robert College in Constantinople, is well known to Armenians throughout the world.

Dr. and Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Hamlin will welcome any Armenian reactions to Dr. Hamlin, his life and times and any

personal experiences persons might have. Those wishing to provide information may write to Dr. and Mrs. Stevens at: 10 Minister Brook Drive Weatogue, Connecticut 06089.

### CHURCH GROWTH AND CHURCH GIVING

An ecumenical study has demonstrated that church and synagogue membership gain is lagging well behind U.S. population growth for the first time in thirty years. While the nation's growth increased by 11.5 between 1971 and 1980, church and synagogue membership was up by only 4.1 with the Presbyterians suffering the biggest loss.

Churches with the highest percentage gain were the Church of God, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Seventh-Day Adventists.

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- 4) ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION (with experience in teacher training; also, familiarity with systems of education in the Middle East would be an asset)
  - In all fields candidates with the Ph.D. will be given priority; although applicants with the M.B.A./M.S./ M.A., who also have adequate teaching experience, will be seriously considered as well.
  - For a three-year fulltime contract, compensation to include: a) salary of 40-48,000 L.L. (Instructor) or 48-62,000 L.L. (Assistant Professor), b) roundtrip transportation for applicant plus members of his immediate family, c) 50% of premium for comprehensive medical insurance, d) rent subsidy up to 10,000 L.L. per year, e) half tuition for dependent children of school age.

# Interested persons should send C.V.'s to:

Board of Managers Haigazian College P.O.Box 11-1748 Beirut, Lebanon

# TIME TO REGISTER AT HOLLYWOOD ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL SCHOOL

The Board of Directors of the Armenian Evangelical School invites interested parents to register their children for the 1983-1984 school year. Returning students will be able to enroll beginning the first of March, and new students from April fifth. This year grade offerings will include Kindergarten (two classes for 4-year-olds and 5-year-olds), and Grades 1 through 4. For details please call the school office (213) 874-1621, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To assure a place, please register promptly, since early applicants will receive priority.

The Armenian Evangelical School aims to provide a solid educational program with a strong Christian emphasis, which will give the students a thorough knowledge and full appreciation of the rich Armenian heritage, and at the same time prepare them to achieve their highest potential as productive citizens of the United States.

The Armenian Evangelical Schools of California, Inc. is a non-profit corporation and, in compliance with Federal regulations, is open to all students without discrimination based on race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

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Մեծ Եղեռնի 68ամեակին առիթով, ստորեւ կը ներկայացնենք կարճ խորհրդածութիւն մը մեր ազգը յուզող վերջին տարիներու երեւոյթներէն՝ Հայ Քաղաքական ահաբեկչութեան մասին։ Այս գրութիւնը, որ նախապէս լոյս տեսած է Շիքակոյի Հայ Աւետարանական Եկեղեցիի ԿԱՆԹԵՂ պարբերաթերթին մէջ, ստորագրուած է նուն եկեղեցիի հովիւ Վեր. Պարգեւ Տարագնեանի կողմէ։

Մեր ազգային կեանքը դարձեալ խռոված է։ Մեր ազգակիցներէն ոմանք խմբակներ կազմած են ու մեր Ազգային Դատը միջազգային ատեաններ հասցնելու մտահոգութեամբ, քաղաքական ահաբեկչութեան կր դիմեն։ Իրենց այս ջանքին ու մտադրութեան մէջ, անոնք կր սպաննեն Թուրք «անմեղ» դիւանագէտներ։ Հայ ազգը մեծամասնութեամբ, այնպէս կը թուի թէ, հակառակ է նման միջոցառումներու։ Ու ինչպէս մեր ազգային պատմութեան մէջ յանախ կը հանդիպինք, թշնամիի դէմ ուղղուած մասնակի ու անպատասխանատու արարքներ թշնամի կր դարձնեն հայը հայուն դէմ։

Քաղաքական անաբեկչութիւններ, մեր պարագային, շատ փափուկ կացութիւն մր կր ստեղծեն հայկական սփիւռքին համար։ Երկիրներու ուր ապաստանած ենք, հակառակ մեր տարիներու խաղաղասէրի, շինարարի ու բարձր մշակոյթ ունեցող ցեղի մր համբաւին, յանկարծ մեր մօտ կը գտնեն ահաբեկիչներ եւ խոովարարներ։ Ոմանք կը խորհին թէ մեր բարոյական եւ հոգեւոր կորուստը անհամեմատօրէն մեծ է քան մեր ունենալիք քաղաքական շահը, մանաւանդ որ մենք կ'ապրինք մեր թշնամիին բարեկամներուն երկրին մէջ։ Ուրիշներ բոլորովին հոգեւոր անկիւնէն կը մօտենան այս հարցին ջատագովելով Քրիստոսի ներողամտութիւնը եւ անյիշաչարութիւնը իր թշնամիներուն նկատմամբ։ Ոմանք մարգարէական ցասումով կը դատապարտեն ահաբեկիչները եւ ցաւակցութիւն կը յայտնեն ահաբեկչութեան զոհ գացած անձերու պարագաներուն։ Ուրիշներ կը սրբացնեն ահաբեկիչները ու կը քաջալերեն իրենց զաւակները որ մասնակցին այս «սրբազան կռիւ»ին։ Իսկ անոնք որոնք միշտ խուսափած են ծայրայեղութիւններէ, կը դատապարտեն երկու կողմերն ալ։

Անաբեկիչները դատարտուելու են անկասկած. նախ՝ նոգեւոր եւ բարոյական գետնի վրայ, ու ապա՝ քաղաքական տուեալներու լոյսին տակ։ Համաշխարհային քաղաքական կացութիւնը ոչ մէկ կերպով ձեռնտու է նպաստաւոր մթնոլորտ մը ստեղծելու Հայկական Դատի հանդէպ, նման սխրագործութիւններու դիմաց։ Միւս կողմէն, քաջ ըլլալու ենք հրապարակաւ յայտարարելու թէ Հայ ա**հաբեկիչներու «մեղսա**լից» արարքին մէջ քստմնելի, վատ ու խորապէս մեղաւորի բաժին ունին անոնք՝ որ մեր երիտասարդները մղած են անաբեկչութեան եւ սպանութեան մեղքին։ Որքան իմաստալից է եւ խօսուն Յովն. Ը. Գլուխի առաջին մասին մէջ նկարագուած դէպքը։ Փարիսեցիներ եւ դպիրներ բոզ մը կը բերեն Յիսուսի ներկայութեան ու կը յիշեցնեն Յիսուսի թէ նման մեղքի մէջ բռնուող կին մը քարկոծուելով մեռցուելու էր։ Յիսուսի պատասխանը կ'ըլլայ յստակ ու մեկին. «Ձեզմէ ով որ անմեղ է, թող առաջին քարը ան նետէ»։ Ու երբ Հրեայ մեծամեծները իրենց խիղմէն յանդիմանուած մէկիկ մէկիկ կը նեռանան, Յիսուս մեղաւոր կնկան դառնալով կ'ըսէ. «Գնա, ու անգամն ալ մեղք մի գործեր»։ Այս կինը եթէ անբարոյ դարձած էր, տիրող ընկերային կարգ ու սարքը մեծ բաժին ուներ անոր մէջ, ու Փարիսեցին, Դպիրը ու Սադուկեցին իրենց ընթացքով կը քաջալերէին ընկերային անարդարութիւնը, եւ կը մասնակցէին իրենց ազգակիցներուն կեղեքումին։ Այլ խօսքով, Յիսուս ըսել ուզեց որ դուք պատճառ եղաք այս կնկան անբարոյ ըլլալուն, ու հիմա եկած էք որ իմ հաւանութիւնս ապահովէք զայն մեռցնելու համար։ Հրեայ մեծամեծները անդրադարձան ասոր եւ անձայն ու անշշուկ հե-

Մենք չենք խորհիր որ աշխարհի վրայ կը գտնուի մեծ պետութեանց ատեան մր որ բարոյապէս իրաւունք ունենայ դատապարտելու հայ ահաբեկիչները։ Անոնք որոնք մինչեւ այսօր չդատապարտեցին Մեծ Ոճրագործը, Ցեղասպանը, ու տակաւին կր շարունակեն քաջալերել անոր ոճրային արարքները, անոնք են որ յուսանատ նայ տղաքը կը մղեն մեղաւոր դառնալու։ Նունն է պարագան Երրորդ Աշխարհի մէջ։ Հարստահարուած եւ ընկնուած միլիոններ կր ծառանան բոնատիրութեան դէմ, կը բողոքեն, սակայն լսող չկայ զիրենք։ Յուսանատ, գէնքի կր դիմեն ու կը դառնան «ապըստամբ», «անաբեկիչ», «մարդասպան»։ Ոչ, չենք արդարացներ Ռայ տղոց կողմէ կատարուած սպանութիւնները (Աւելի հնարամիտ ու ազնիւ միջոցներ կը վայելէ մեր ցեղին), բայց կը զգուշանանք նաեւ «խեղճ ու անմեղ զոհեր» որակելէ սպաննուած Թուրբ դիւանագէտները։ Զաւակներ իրենց հայրերուն գործած ոճիրները ուրանալով, իրենք ալ ոճրագործ կը համարուին։ Անմեր չսեպուեցան մեր հարիւր հազարներով ծնած կամ չծնած մանուկները, ոչ ալ նոյն թիւով անպաշտպան կիներն ու ծերերը որոնք ոչինչ ունէին քաղաքականութեան հետ։ Սակայն Թուրք դիւանագէտները (հազար տարի ալ անցած ըլլայ) յանցաւոր են լուռ մնալով, եւ կամ, տարբեր կերպերով շարունակելով իրենց հայրերուն ցեղասպան քաղաքականութիւնը։

Դարձեալ կ'ըսենք որ սպանութիւնը մեղք է։ Սակային ի՞նչպէս կ'րլլայ եթէ այս օրերուն մտածենք մեզ մեղք գործելու մղող ՄԵՂՔին ու ՄԵՂԱՒՈՐՆԵՐու մասին։ Յիսուսի վճիռը այս է այդպիսիներու համար.- «Աւելի աղէկ է որ անոր պարանոցէն իշու աղացքի քար մը կախուի, ու ծովուն անդունդին մէջ ընկղմի»։

ՊԱՐԳԵՒ Ն. ՏԱՐԱԳՃԵԱՆ

# լոս ԱՆՃԵԼԸՍԻ ՀԱՅ ԱՒԵՏ. ՎԱՐԺԱՐԱՆԻ 1988-84 ՏԱՐԵՇՐՋԱՆԻ ԱՐՁԱՆԱԳՐՈՒԹԻՒՆՆԵՐԸ

Այսու, Լոս Աննելըսի Հայ Աւետ. Վարժարանի Հոգաբարձութիւնը կը հաղորդէ, թէ կրթական 1983-84 տարեշրջանի արձանագրութիւնները սկսած են եւ հետաքրքրուող ծնողներ կրնան իրենց զաւակները արձանագրել դիմելով վարժարանի Տնօրէնութեան։

1983-84 տարեշրջանին, Հայ Աւետ. Վարժարանը պիտի ունենայ Մանկապարտէզի մէջ երկու կարգեր, 4 եւ 5 տարեկան մանուկներու համար, իսկ նախակրթարանի բաժինի մէջ՝ Ա.Բ.Գ. եւ Դ. կարգերը։ Մանրամասնութեանց համար կարելի է դիմել դպրոցին գրասենեակը՝ 3480 Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, եւ կամ հեռաձայնել (213) 874-1621 թիւին, Երկուշաբթի-Ուրբաթ օրերուն, առաւօտեան ժամը 8։30Էն-Կ.Ե. ժամը 4։00։

Հայ Աւետ. Վարժարանի նպատակն է, մեր մատղաշ սերունդին ջամբել բարձր որակի կրթութիւն, ինչպէս նաեւ Աւետարանական ու Հայեցի դաստիարակութիւն։

Տեղ ապանովելու նամար, կը խնդրուի որ ծնողներ անյապաղ արձանագրեն իրենց զաւակները։ Նախապատուութիւն պիտի տրուի կանուխ դիմողներուն։

# ՄԱՀ ՏիԿԻՆ ՖԷՐԻՏԷ ԵԱՐԱԼԵԱՆԻ



Տիկ. Ֆէրիտէ Եարալեանի անակնկալ մահը, որ տեղի ունեցաւ 25 Յունուար 1983ին, խոր սուգի մատնեց իր զաւակները, հարազատները ու բարեկամները։

Տիկ. Ֆէրիտէ, դուստրը՝ Մինաս եւ Սառա Քիլաղպեաններու, ծնած էր 1898ին, **Քեսապ, Սուրիա։ Փոքր տա**րիքին որբացած էր եւ զըրկուած՝ ծնողքի գուրգուրանքէն։ 1915ին աքսորուած էր իր եղբայրներուն եւ քոյրերուն հետ։ Աստուծոյ մէկ

հրաշբով, աբսորէն՝ Քեսապ վերադառնալէ ետբ՝ կ'ամուսնանայ Ծերոն Եարալեանի հետ եւ անոնք կը բախտաւորուին

ութը զաւակներով։

Տիկ. Ֆէրիտէն երբ իր զաւակները կը մեծցնէր եւ ջանք չէր խնայեր զանոնք դպրոց ղրկելու, անոնց հետ միասին ինք ալ սկսաւ գրել ու կարդալ սորվիլ, այդ կերպով իր ուսման փափաքը հագեցնել, որմէ զրկուած էր իր մանկութեան շրջանին։ Յարատեւութեամբ ան կը կարդար Աստուածաշունչը, կանոնաւոր կերպով կը յանախէր եկեղեցի, եւ իր որբեւայրիի լումայով կ'օժանդակէր իր եկեղեցւոյ ձեռնարկ-

Տիկ. Ֆէրիտէի թաղման արարողութիւնը տեղի ունեցաւ 29 Յունուար, 1983ին, իր եկեղեցւոյ նովիւներուն Վեր. Քասունիի եւ Վեր. Պ. Ճամպազեանի առաջնորդութեամբ։

Իր երկար տարիներու հովիւը՝ Վեր. Կ. Թիլքեան, որ զինք աւելի մօտէն կը ճանչնար, հետեւեալը կը գրէ իր յիշատակին.

Տիկին Ֆէրիտեն, ներոս մայր մր եղած էր, բառին բուն իմաստովը։ Ինչ ըսել է, բազմանդամ ընտանիքի մը հոգատարութիւնը Գարատուրան եւ ապա Պէյրութ։ Հեռատեսութեամբ դաստիարակեց իր աղջիկները, որոնք արժեցուցին այդ հեուստեսութիւնը։ Անոր ժպտաղէմ խօսակցութեան ձեւը ուշագրաւ էր, նոյնպէս կատակախառն խօսքերը։

Վերջապէս, էն կարեւորը, ըստ իս, Ֆէրիտէին պարզունակ բայց ապառաժի մը պէս հաստատ Քրիստոնէական հա-

ւատքն էր, որմէ կը բխէր իր աղօթասիրութիւնը։ Ան կը ձգէ իր ետին բազմանիւղաւորուած սերունդ մը բազ-

մապիսի արժէքներով։

ԶԱՐՈՒՀԻ ԺԱՄԿՈՉԵԱՆ Օրճնութիւն իր յիշատակին. . . :

# ԱՐԺԱՆԹԻՆԻ ՄԵՐ ՄԱՍՆԱՃԻՒՂԷՆ

Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութեան Արժանթինի մասնաճիւղի քարտուղար՝ Պրն. Թագւոր Տէտէեան իր վերջին թղթակցութեամբ կը հաղորդէ.-

Կիրակի, 19 Դեկտեմբերի երեկոյեան ժամը 7ին, Հայ Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան շէնքին մէջ տեղի ունեցաւ Ծնունդի եւ Նոր Տարուան տօնակատարութիւն մը մասնակ-

Օր. Զրիսթինա Թերզեանի դաշնակի վրայ նախերգէն ցութեամբ կոկիկ բազմութեան մը։ վերջ, օրուան ճանդիսավար Պրն. Արթուրօ Տիարեան բացաւ հանդէսը, հակիրն կերպով պարզելով հաւաքոյթին նպատակը, եւ հրաւիրեց Պրն. Լեւոն Պալըգնեանը, որ կարդաց Ծընունդի պատմութիւնը՝ ըստ Մատթէոսի Աւետարանի եւ մա-Օրուան գլխաւոր պատգամաբերն էր Պրն. Պօղոս (Փապտուցեց աղօթք մը։

լօ) Մատթէոսեան, որ խօսեցաւ Յիսուսի բերած երեք անփոխարինելի նորութիւններուն մասին. ա) Խաւարի մէջ խարխափող աշխարհին լոյս, բ) Մեղքի իշխանութեան ներքեւ տուայտող թշուառ մարդկային ընկերութեան ազատութիւն եւ գ) Յաւիտենական կեանքի ապանովութիւն։

Գեղարուեստական բաժնին իրենց մասնակցութիւնը բերին փոքրիկն Ալիսիա Սեւեան, Տիկ. Արշալոյս Պալըգնեան, Տիկ. Քրիսթա Թորոսեան, Օր. Քրիսթինա Թերզեան եւ Տիկ. Էլիզա Շատարեւեան։ Հանդիսականներու կողմէ երգուե-

ցան Ծնունդի եւ Նոր Տարուան երգեր։ Հանդիսավար Պրն. Ա. Տիարեանի փակման ու շնորհակալութեան խօսքէն ետք՝ Պրն. Սարգիս Կիւլլիւնեանի աղօթքով վերջ գտաւ երեկոյթին առաջին մասը եւ սկսաւ ընկերայինը՝ ջերմ մթնոլորտի մը մէջ, տեւելով մինչեւ ուշ գիշեր։

# ՏՐ. ՃԱՆ ՄԱՐԳԱՐԵԱՆ ՊԱՐԳԵՒԱՏՐՈՒԱԾ ԼԻԲԱՆԱՆԻ ՊԵՏՈՒԹԵԱՆ ԿՈՂՄԷ

Հայկազեան Գոլէնի Նախկին Նախագան՝ Վեր. Տր. Ճան Մարգարեան բարձր կարգի շբանշաններով պարգեւատըրւեցաւ Լիբանանեան Պետութեան, Մեծի Տանն Կիլիկիոյ Կաթողիկոսութեան եւ Մերձաւոր Արեւելբի Հայ Աւետարանական Եկեղեցիներու Միութեան կողմէ, գնանատանքի յատուկ հաւաբոյթի մը ընթացքին, 25 Փետրուար, 1983ին, Հայկազեան Գոլէնի Արթիւր Մաթոսեան Արուեստի Սրահին մէջ։

Հաւաքոյթին ներկայ եղան նախարարներ, պետական անձնաւորութիւններ, համայնքներու առաջնորդներ եւ կրթական հաստատութիւններու ներկայացուցիչներ։ Հաւաքոյթի ընթացքին խօսք առնող բոլոր պետական ու համայնքային անձնաւորութիւնները մեծ գնահատանքով արտայայտուեցան Հայկազեան Գոլէնի կատարած մեծ ծառայութիւններուն եւ Լիբանանցի թէ Հայ երիտասարդներու կրթական պատրաստութեան մէջ ունեցած անոր երախտաշատ դերին։

# ԱՍՏՈՒԱԾԱՇՈՒՆՉԻ ԲՈԼՈՐՈՎԻՆ ՆՈՐ ՀՐԱՏԱՐԱԿՈՒԹԻՒՆ ՄԸ

Աւետարանչական Ընկերակցութեան Գրատունէն կարելի է ստանալ բոլորովին նոր նրատարակութիւն մը եղող Հայերեն Սուրբ Գիրքեր։ Աստուածաշունչի այս նոր հրատարակութիւնը, ցարդ ծանօթ աշխարհաբար թարգմանութիւններէն կը տարբերի հետեւեալ բարեփոխութիւններով.-

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"Let not your heart be troubled," said our Lord, "ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself." (Jo. 14:1-3). This is the hope by which we should all live.

### **GRACE BENGLIAN**

Submitted by The Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian



Grace Benglian

Grace Saatjian Benglian, beloved wife of Simon Benglian and an admired member of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit, entered her eternal rest on February 22, 1983 and her funeral services were conducted by The Reverend Dr. Vahan Tootikian at her church on February 25th. In his eulogy, Pastor Tootikian finds that the affirmations made about a virtuous woman in Proverbs 31 correspondend with Grace Benglian's outlook.

A Real Homemaker

"Grace was a true homemaker," began the eulogy; "a devoted wife and a loving mother, who loved her family and gave of herself quietly, cheerfully, and sacrificially. Her influence for good spread quietly to touch the hearts of her children, Alan and Ricky, whom she taught a religion of deeds rather than creeds.

"Grace Benglian created a beautiful home in which hospitality and friendship became beacons of communication, an art she learned from her parents. Born on November 17, 1920 to the family of Hagop and Haiganoush Saatjian, Grace was richly blessed with Christian principles and lifestyle. The devout Armenian Evangelical family background made its definite impact on her life. She grew up in a Christian atmosphere and received the benefits of a good education. In 1939 she graduated from Highland Park High School, and after a few years of work in the Greater Detroit area, she was married to Simon Benglian of Philadelphia in 1947. Now, in turn, she built a good home and became a virtuous wife and an affectionate mother."

A hardworking and Progressive Woman "Like the woman described in Proverbs 31," continued her Pastor, "Grace worked very hard for her household, but like that Old Testament woman, she also had a life apart from her family. She was a working woman; in fact, a successful business woman with great ambition. She loved her job as much as her household duties. She took pride in what she did, and did it conscientiously and with the zeal of a perfectionist. For some time, she was a legal secretary to Attorney James Skillman and later of Judge Pegan.

"In the early 1970's, Grace started her own business entitled 'Hillstrom and Ross Agency for Legal Secretaries.' This progressive, ambitious and hardworking lady enlarged the business within a short period of time. Courage, determination and faith in the guidance of God brought about fruition and good results. She succeeded in her business venture much to the surprise and admiration of her relatives and friends.

"As such, Grace stands in line with other biblical women who successfully combined a life of homemaking with interest of their own that extended beyond the home."

A Woman of Dignity and Strength Quoting Proverbs 31:25 (Strength and dignity are her clothing) Dr. Tootikian said, "Grace was a Christian woman of noble character. She exercised a profound interest over many people in many ways. If dignity is measured by one's character and function, Grace Benglian had both. She was also a total optimist, a positive thinker who never nurtured dark and discouraging thoughts.

"Grace Benglian's faith in God's goodness gave her a calm, patient, and strong disposition which enabled her to accept illness without bitterness or resentment. Her times of trial and testing during the past few years were accepted as part of the human lot. She never engaged herself in complaints and questioning; she never showed any self-pity. Until the very end she never felt herself beaten and defeated. We all admired this brave lady who struggled along but galantly before laying aside the burden of this flesh."

A Caring and a Sharing Person "Grace did not live only for herself," proclaimed the eulogist. "She made room in her life for others. She looked upon the good life as a gift from God to be shared. She was a generous and a warm-hearted woman. Her nature was one of overflowing good will. Warm, smiling and gracious, Grace Benglian radiated an inner strength that touched every one she met. She had a special gift for giving of herself to good causes.

"She generously gave her time and talents to the church and other philanthropic or-

ganizations. For a few decades, she served our church, and through our church, such organizations as the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America and Armenian Missionary Association of America, in the capacities of deaconess, officer, clerk and

"She possessed organizational ability, was enthusiastic about her work, and cheerfully accepted opportunities for service. Her dedication and burning desire to serve those who needed help inspired those who came in contact with her. These qualities endeared her to all who knew her.

"Those who knew Grace and worked with her, like me, were rewarded by her friendship, and found her to be a sensitive and creative person. There was never a dull moment in her buoyant presence.

"And so we pause to pay tribute to Grace Benglian with gratitude and thanksgiving in our hearts. She was one of the few that we could call truly committed, and because of that she gained our unreserved respect and love. She looked for the best in others and gave her best in return. Her life was an inspiration and her memory is a benediction."

Grace is survived by husband, Simon Benglian, sons Alan and Ricky, mother Haiganoush Saatjian and sister, Pearl Keshishian. Memorial gifts have been designated for the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit and the Armenian Missionary Association of America.

# MARY D. KALENIAN

Submitted by The Rev. M.H. Shnorhokian Apostle Paul's question, "O death, where thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory" (1 Cor. 15:55) are answered by him: "The sting of death is sin. . . . But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ." With the recent death of Mrs. Mary (Demoorjian) Kalenian, this had a significant meaning for with her characteristics of serenity, nobility, generosity and faithfulness to God, she was victorious over death.

Mary Kalenian, together with her husband. Armen, who died in 1972, transformed difficulties into successes through perseverance and hard work. Each crisis was used as a ladder to greater success. For instance, in 1915, the couple became the owners and operators of the Armeno Cereal Company in Westborough, Massachusetts, a pioneer in the field of manufacturing bulgur in the United States until Armen's death. Mary, his wife, though small in stature but a pillar of strength to the family, stood staunch-



Mary Kalenian

ly by his side through the years, overcoming all the hardships and adversities courag-

Both Armen and Mary were born in the province of Kharpert in Armenia - Armen in Kesserig and Mary in Tadem. Armen, arriving in America in 1905, attended high school and college in Ohio while Mary, daughter of Kaspar and Elizabeth (Miloian) Demoorjian, arrived in 1909, having received her education at Yeprad College in Kharpert and having taught school in Kesserig for a year. Married in the United States, the couple were blessed with four children: Aram, Bertha (wife of Charles Johnson of Arlington, Massachusetts), Margaret and Alice (wife of George Hoogasian of Westborough).

During the early 1970's two tragedies befell the Kalenian family - hard blows for the entire family but especially for Mary Kalenian. In 1972, Armen died and in 1975, their son, Aram, founder and President of the Vee Arc Corporation in Westborough, at the age of 64. But, for Mary Kalenian and her children, death of two loved ones was not the end of great service.

In 1978, Mary Kalenian established the Armen K. and Mary D. Kalenian Endowment Fund to provide financial assistance to Armenian students at Haigazian College, Beirut, Lebanon, and she also established the Aram Kalenian Scholarship at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in memory of her son who graduated in the Class of 1933, with the provision that first preference for scholarship will be given to deserving students of Armenian descent.

Mrs. Kalenian contributed to and supported many Armenian organizations, including the Armenian Evanagelical Church of the Martyrs, Worcester, Massachusetts, Institute for Blind and Deaf in Beirut, the Armenian National Sanatorium in Lebanon, and numerous American charities and research organizations.

Mrs. Kalenian entered her eternal rest at her residence in Westborough on Friday, January 21, 1983 at the age of 89. Besides her surviving children, she is survived by one sister, Agnes Anjoorian of Providence,



Armen Kalenian

Rhode Island, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 24, 1983 in the Evangelical Congregational Church, Westborough. The Reverend Norman Halm and the Reverend Manasseh Shnorhokian officiated. It was Mrs. Kalenian's expressed wish that memorial gifts be given to the Evangelical Congregational Church of Westborough or to the Armenian Evangelical Church of the Martyrs, Worcester.

We wish to add to the Reverend Shnorhokian's obituary the prayer offered by Norman Helm: "Most gracious God, we bless Thee and give Thee thanks for all Thy many blessings we have known in the life of Mary Kalenian. We thank Thee that her whole life was one of nurturing motherhood, so that the food she lovingly prepared was an outpouring of love, and the energy she spent lavishly from dawn until night, that her family might live in comfort, was expression of that same love.

"We thank Thee, O Lord, for the love that kept her by her husband's side, a helper equal for him, and for her love that made her home a new beginning for many who came, as she had come, young, impoverished strangers to these shores.

"We bless Thee, O Lord, for all such women as she was, women of great courage, towers of strength; for her tiny stature was contradicted by the height of her character, her will and determination; such determination to see her children all educated, to even in her later years ensure the education of young men and women she will never know, but who will, through her generosity, be helped to learn.

"Finally, O Lord, we thank Thee for the simple delight she was, for the twinkling eye, the quick laugh, the pure goodness of her. She was a gem, a rare gem, and we shall miss her; but we shall always delight in her memory and in our sure and certain knowledge that she is now at peace with Thee, relieved of the burden of many years, out of all harm's way, safe at home."

# THE REVEREND KAREKINE SISLIAN

Karekine Sislian, born in Tarsus on April 20, 1910, left his homeland at the age of nine and settled in Cyprus as a result of having been condemned, like all the young and old Armenians in Turkish Armenia, to the tragedies of the days. It is perhaps for that reason that he carried a certain melancholia beneath a jovial nature.

Karekine received his secondary studies at the Melkonian Institute in Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, followed by higher education at the American Academy in Larnaca until

It was with this kind of educational equipment that he reached France in July, 1927 where he tried to augment his educational capacities in the best way possible, notably by attending night courses.

Obliged to earn a living, he worked as a laborer in different industries in the region of Lyon from September, 1927 to March. 1932. At his arrival in France, he attached himself to the Armenian Evangelical Church of Lyon whose pastor at the time was the Reverend Joseph Barsumian. Throughout his youth he frequented and espoused the religious life, marked by the spiritual revival of 1927 in the Armenian Evangelical churches of France, and was converted in 1931 in

He obtained his biblical studies at the Institut de Nogent sur Marne from October, 1932 to June, 1934. In October, 1937 he entered the Faculte de Theologie de Montpellier. Exempted from military service from October, 1940 through June, 1941 he pursued his studies and received his diploma in 1941. It was stated by his professors that he was a brilliant student and a keen intellectual who was immersed in Greek philosophical thought.

During his studies, he was pastor of l'Eglise Reformee de France as assistant. In November, 1941, he became pastor in the Armenian Evangelical churches of France and was ordained in 1948. In July, 1949, he took charge of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Paris, a position in which he served until his retirement in March, 1975. Paris was a very difficult parish due to the dispersion of the faithful into far distances both in the large city of Paris and the suburbs.

He was married to Miss Madeleine Lentz, a teacher, on December 23, 1941 who became throughout their lives, a wise partner. participating in the difficulties and joys of their endeavors and raised three children, assuring a sound training for them.

For at least twenty years, Karekine participated in the Synod of the churches as secretary. For long periods, he was representative of the churches in France at the Action Chretiens d'Orient's annual assemblies.

He was also a promoter of church constructions in the Paris region - both in Paris and Alfortville. With the concurrence of his family, he promoted fund-raising at home and overseas without considering the trials and tribulations of such an endeavor.

The Reverend Sislian also had literary talent, having produced "Etudes sur la Reforme Armenienne," and a drama entitled

Never fully compensated materially, he left, however, a material, intellectual and spiritual heritage. This was because his only desire was, above all else, to serve his God and his people.

He was received into the peace of his Lord on August 3, 1982 after having left this message of love: that all brothers and sisters should mutually pardon each other.

### **EVELYN (SHAMLIAN) SARKISIAN**

Submitted by Ellen Sarkisian Chestnut



Evelyn Sarkisian

My mother was an Armenian, born in Marash, Turkey, on September 16, 1910. To be an Armenian in that place, in that time, meant that you had no rights or freedom; it meant being vandalized continuously by the surrounding Kurds and having to start all over again and again.

Then, because of some whim of fate your Armenian neighbors in Marash were not wiped out in the holocause of 1915 but had to wait until the Turkish armies swept through in 1920 when you were a girl of 10. And you remembered the screams of the people burned alive in the churches and the flames and smoke searing the sky.

After that, the family lived in a "displaced persons" camp in Syria. Crammed together in the filth and the uncertainty of what tomorrow would hold, you recalled how you laughed with your brothers and sisters over the silliest things and kept your spirits soar-

You remembered with pride your schooling and the fact that your father sent you and your sister, Rebecca, to get an education when so many thought it was frivolous to send girls to high school. The two of you would go to school with no breakfast and no lunch and pretend you had already eaten.

When you graduated, you taught school for three years in Syria and then your family moved to Mousoul, Iraq, and there you met your future husband, Sarkis Sarkisian, and the promise of something exciting and better loomed ahead for you.

Sure enough, after you married, one of his goals was to leave the Middle East for a more secure place and in 1941, with two children, Ellen and Arthur, you began your momentous journey to the United States. You settled first in Fresno and then in San Francisco. You never looked back. You loved everything about this country. You had two other children here, Janet and

For seventeen years, you worked in the New Method Laundry and then, when all your children left home, you began to work in ceramics. You created some charming pottery and kept up with your sewing, crocheting and knitting. All done with your wonderful sensitivity and imagination. Now, Mother, that part of your life is over and the most wonderful part has begun.

One of the recurring dreams you had as a child was that you could soar through the sky, flying over the villages, rivers and mountains of Turkey. I know, Mother, that your spirit even now is not earth-bound and like your dreams of so many years ago has taken flight and is soaring. And perhaps you're singing these very words as you're looking down on us:

"I sing because I'm happy, I sing Because I'm free.

His eye is on the sparow and I know God's watching me."

# AROUSIAG MOURADIAN

Submitted by: The Rev. Vartkes M. Kassouni

Arousiag Mouradian was born in Aintab, in 1901. Her parents were Asadour and Yevnigue Guleserian, and she was one of six children, of whom four are still living: brothers Mourad and Jacob Guleserian, and sisters Nouritza Haserjian and Lydia Bezjian. Brother Puzant died in 1967. She received her education under the extremely difficult circumstances then gripping Aintab, but her father refused to abandon her education, even resorting to the use of private tutors when necessary. Her father was determined to see the education of all his children, both sons and daughters. In the year 1920 she immigrated to the United States with two of her brothers, while her parents remained behind for the time being. She came to Madison, Wisconsin, where her uncle had established his business. There she resumed her secondary schooling, despite active discouragement from her uncle, who believed that education was unnecessary for girls. Nevertheless, she was determined and persevered. When she won a scholarship award after the first year, her uncle was then very proud, and bragged openly about his niece. From Madison, she moved to Chicago in 1922 with her brothers, where she married Armen Mouradian in the year 1930. In the 1920's she worked as a seamstress. Through the 1950's she managed a large rooming house that the family bought and rented to college Eileen. that the family bought and reflect the family has requested that memorial students in Evanston, Illinois. They were students in Evanston, Illinois. They were students be sent to the AMAA in her loving blessed with one son, Edward, in 1934. She memory lost her husband in 1957.



Arousiag Mouradian

In Chicago, Arousiag was a very active member of the Armenian Congregational Church and served its Ladies Aid Auxiliary. diligently. She was member of the AGBU for sixty years, and served its Chicago Ladies Chapter as its President in 1950. She was an ardent supporter of the AMAA and passed on to her son this love, indicated by the fact that he has continued to serve as Treasurer of the United Armenian Congregational Church's Missions Committee for many years since their relocation in Reseda in Greater Los Angeles. She became active in the United Armenian Congregational Church of Lost Angeles (formerly in the Gethsemane Church which formed the UACC Union), and was also active in the Daughters of Var-

She was a woman of sincere and deep Christian faith. She had a very strong will to maintain her life within the spiritual and cultural guidelines she valued from birth. "She was one of that group of people I admire the most - the post World War I Armenian immigrants, who endured so much both before and after comint to America," said her son in giving tribute to her. She was tough and survived against great odds, but she also was deeply loving and committed to her family. her people and her community. Four years ago she was crippled by a stroke, but she fought back bravely and overcame much of its debilitating effects. In mid-February, she was overcome by a sudden critical illness that took her life within a very short period. Thus, the Lord has taken home a beloved sister in Christ, who was among us with love and devotion for many years. We will surely miss her, and we pray that God will bless her work and her witness among us. The funeral service took place at the Oswald Mortuary in Reseda, California on February 21st with interment in Chicago where her husband was buried.

In addition to the brothers and sisters, she is survived by her son Edward and his wife Harriet and two granddaughters, Laura and

The important influence of a mother is validated by the following story Mrs. Arousiag Mouradian's son, Edward, wrote to the Executive Director, Dr. G. H. Chopourian.

"As I recall, Reverend Kalfayan died around 1958 or so. John Foster Dulles, who was the United States Secretary of State died about the same time. Of course it was prominent in the news. My mother's comment was: 'Mr. Dulles was an important man. His passing is a loss to the country. But, this is a big country. This country can afford the loss because there are many men who can replace him. But, we Armenians are so small. We could not afford to lose a man like Badveli Kalfayan.'"

### JULIET BECHAK

Submitted by Gilda Kupelian

Julie was a jewel. She had rare qualities seldom coexistent in one person. She was kindness personified, goodness emanated from her freely, her smile was always there for everyone, even the least deserving. She was courageous beyond belief; while her malady was taking its toll on her and her pain was formidable she still had the courage and consideration to contain her pain, conceal her suffering from her family and students and see that she did not inflict any anguish upon those who loved her.

Julie was extremely knowledgeable, intelligent and patriotic. She loved life and enjoyed nature. Her dynamism got her involved in tennis, skiing, golfing, parachuting, gliding and challenging the rapids on a raft. Eager to learn, her tavels took her twice around the world enabling her to become a good appraiser of character. She never judged people, she merely emphasized their qualities.

The daughter of Nerses and Jean Bechak (Buchakjian), Julie was born in Weehawken, New Jersey. A college graduate, she had devoted most of her life to education. She taught the educationally retarded as well as senior citizens. A great deal of her work was voluntary. Her teaching career culminated at Quantico Marine Base in Virginia where she taught for sixteen years.

A genuine altruist, Julie thought of others to her death and beyond. She willed her eyes to the eye bank in order that others may see.

At a special memorial service held at the Quantico Marine Base recently, it was announced that a tree would be planted in her memory. She would have appreciated the gesture.

Julie was loved by all those who knew her, and she loved them. She had a special relationship with her mother and sisters filled with love, affection and grace. I feel fortunate to have had a cousin and friend like Julie. She has touched my life and that of many others in a special loving and caring way. May the Lord rest her soul in peace.

Juliet Bechak is survived by her mother, the beloved Jean; her sisters, Frieda (Jack) Guarini, Olga (Patrick) Brophi; nephews Michael, Patrick and Thomas Andrew



Juliet Bechak o

Brophi; uncles Levon Cutler, Dickran Buchakjian and Krikor Buchakjian of Beirut; aunts Marie Keuhnelian and Aznive Kherlopian of Beirut, and aunt Elise Cheblakian of Beirut. Cousins, relatives and friends also mourn her demise.

### BEATRICE SHAHBAZ

Funeral services were held in the Ocean Grove Memorial Home for Mrs. Beatrice Shahbaz who passed away January 10, 1983 in Ocean Grove, N.J. She is survived by a sister Nevart Gulbenkian and niece Margaret Papertsian, both from Ocean Grove, N.J. as well as a nephew Robert, grandnephew Robert John and grandniece Pamela Papertsian, all from Connecticut.

Mrs. Beatrice Shahbaz was born to Professor Avedis and Ovsanna Gulbenkian in Marsovan, Turkey. She received her education at the American College, Smyrna after which time she came to America in 1921. She settled in New York City where she met and married Albert Aram Shahbaz in 1929.

A member of the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York, surrounded by loving relatives and friends, Mrs. Shahbaz enjoyed life, music and literature.

In 1966, Mr. and Mrs. Shahbaz moved to Ocean Grove, N.J. After her husband died in 1973, Mrs. Shahbaz developed heart trouble for which she had successful open heart surgery.

#### YERESAPETH SHAMLIAN PAKRADOUNIAN

Information concerning the death of Mrs. Yeresapeth Shamlian Pakradounian reached the Editors somewhat late. Mrs. Pakradounian, who resided in Cranston, R.I., at the time of her demise on April 10, 1982 at the Pawtucket Hospital, was born in Sepastia, Armenia to Hovhanness and Ogheda Kultian Shampzian who came from Agun. She had two brothers, namely, Aram and Ashod and a sister, Takoohie.

The Board of Directors wish to take this opportunity to convey their heartfelt sympathies to the Pakradounian family for the loss of their beloved mother.

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.

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Dear Mr. Chopourian:

I wish to thank you for featuring my inaugural picture on the cover of the February AMAA News. Both Gloria and I appreciate your kindness and feel honored by appearing on your cover.

The congratulations contained in your cover message join with those messages of congratulations that I have received from Armenians across this country and throughout the world. These congratulations highlight the special spirit of kinship felt by so many Armenians. Hearing from these fellow Armenians makes me feel proud to be an Armenian and mindful of the serious responsibility my position of Governor brings with it.

I especially appreciate the many good wishes and prayers offered by my fellow Armenians. I pray that God will give me the guidance to govern wisely and the strength to decide courageously.

Most cordially,

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